Executive Director|Directors belonging to SC|ST on the Boards of IOC, ONGC, OIL and HPC

296. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Directors belonging to the Scheduled Castes| Scheduled Tribes on the Boards of Indian Oil Corporation, Oil and Natural Gas Commission, Oil India Ltd. and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation; and

(b) if there are no persons from the above categories on the Boards, whether Government propose to appoint at least one Executive Director from these categories on the Boards of such Corporations?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Board of Directors of Oil India Ltd. has one officer belonging to Scheduled Caste. In the Board of Directors of other three oil companies, there is no officer belonging to Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes.

(b) The functional Directors on the Boards of Public Sector Undertakings are appointed according to the prescribed procedures. Other part time Directors are officials of the concerned Miistries dealing with matters relating to these undertakings. There is no reservation for SC|ST communities for appointments to Board level posts.

Allotment of Gas agencies to the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes

297. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) how many gas agencies have so far been allotted, statewise;

(b) whether there is any reservation for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe in such allotment;

(c) if so, what is the number of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe persons who have been allotted gas agencies, Statewise; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to increase the representation of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe in the allotment of Gas Agencies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) As on 1-1-90, there were 3698 LPG distributorships operating in the country. The State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As on 1-1-90, 606 LPG distributorships have been given to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe persons. The State-wise details are given in the statement.

(d) Priority is being given by the Oil Selection Boards to expedite the selection of the candidates belonging to these categories to achieve full quota reserved for them, thereby enhancing their representation from the existing level.

Statement

State and Category-wise Existing LPG distributorships (As on 1-1-90)

State/Union Territory	No. of LPG D'ships allotted to		Total No. of LPG distributorship
	SC	ST	
States			
1. Andhra Pradesh	36	10	331
2. Arunachal Pradesh	..	4	9
3. Assam	10	7	84
4. Bihar	17	9	137
5. Goa	3	..	27
6. Gujarat	15	24	277
7. Haryana	23	..	110
8. Himachal Pradesh	6	2	34
9. Jammu & Kashmir	5	..	52
10. Karnataka	35	2	218
11. Kerala	33	..	153
12. Madhya Pradesh	11	19	204
13. Maharashtra	32	31	522
14. Manipur	..	3	8
15. Meghalaya	..	5	9
16. Mizoram	..	3	5
17. Nagaland	..	6	1
18. Orissa	7	7	74
19. Punjab	27	..	149
20. Rajasthan	16	10	135
21. Sikkim	..	..	2
22. Tamil Nadu	55	2	296
23. Tripura	..	4	9
24. Uttar Pradesh	62	..	400
25. West Bengal	29	6	210
Union Territories			
1. Andaman & Nicobar	..	..	12
2. Chandigarh	6	..	3
3. Daman & Diu	..	..	2
4. Delhi	23	..	200
5. Lakshadweep	..	..	1
6. Pondicherry	1	..	5
	452	154	
TOTAL	=606		3698